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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,6,8,9,15,17,21,26 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5,7,10-14,16,18-20,22-25,27 and 29-31 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11/21/2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 6, 8-9, 15, 17, 21, 26, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cole et al. (US 2003/0160231 A1, hereafter Cole).

With respect to claim 1, Cole discloses an UV fluorescence detector comprising: an excitation light source (fig. 5, element 510); a sample platform (fig. 5, element 520); an UV detector (fig. 5, element 114); and an analysis module for matching the induced fluorescence to a predetermined signature spectrum (paragraph [0037], lines 14-16).

As to claim 6, Cole discloses an input optic for passing the induced fluorescence to the UV detector (fig. 5, element 112).

As to claim 8, Cole discloses a second optic for receiving the induced fluorescence (fig. 5, element 112).

As to claim 9, Cole discloses that the second optic includes a filter (paragraph [0037], line 10).

As to claim 15, Cole discloses that the detector comprises a signal processor in the form of a tunable band pass filter (paragraph [0027], lines 15-17).

As to claim 17, Cole discloses that the excitation light source includes at least an UV LED (paragraph [0037], lines 6-7).

As to claim 21, Cole discloses that the detector detects signals within about 240 nm to about 540 nm (paragraph [0029]).

As to claim 26, it is well known in the art that UV detectors can detect UV emissions from a chemical compound.

As to claim 28, Cole discloses a method for detecting and analyzing chemical substances using UV fluorescence comprising the steps of directing an excitation light source onto the sample (paragraph [0037], lines 6-8); receiving induced fluorescent energy from the sample (paragraph [0037], lines 9-10); and determining the nature of the sample based on the received energy (paragraph [0037], lines 14-18).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-5, 7, 10-14, 16, 18-20, 22-25, 27, and 29-31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: As the number of UV fluorescence detectors found in prior art was limited, certain features specified in the claims listed above were not found in the prior art, such as the camera platform, filter wheel, etc. Furthermore, no similar apparatus was found that would suggest that these elements be added to a detector of this type.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 6,263,291 B1, US 2004/0007665 A1, US 2004/0085535 A1, and US 2004/0063214 A1 disclose relevant prior art.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher G. Webb whose telephone number is (571) 272-8449. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM - 5:30PM M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David P. Porta can be reached on (571) 272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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